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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 44, 46—48

Part B for June 25.

SUBJECT

Headship of the Balehonnur matt.

G.O.N° 1822-31/mus 5-26-21-48 & 17.6.25 Decides the appl^n of a Committee with the Mus Com^r as Chairman for selecting a suitable successor to the Balehonnur matt ~~& decides~~ request that the proposals in the matter may be submitted before the next September [illegible]

G. R S. 11] 1921.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Muzrai)

NOTES.

File No. 526/1921

FILE HEADING.

Selection of a Vahi for succession to the Lingayat matt at Balehonnur in the Kadur Dt.

From

The Muz. Comr

C No. 1662 Dated 17.12.21 Received 19.12.21

Diary No.	Enclos. 1	Spare Copies. -	Serial No. 46
990			

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Submits Telegram and a copy of the Pro. of the meeting of Veerasaivas praying that the proposed meeting may be ordered to be held at Balehonnur, Head Quarters of the matha.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

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Muz. 7. No. 526-21 as the subject is are submitted. The Muz. Comr was informed in this office letter no. 8882 18/12/21, that the meeting may be held at Tarikere instead of Chickmagalur.

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Serial No.

The Muz. Comrs. Comn under reference which must have crossed this office Comn of the 18th, does not require any answer. Memorials &c. since received on the subject, are placed on the file.

Further developments may be watched. Reply seems necessary now.

24.12.24

Secretary

SM 24/12

2nd Member

648 24/12

27/12

I do not think that we should reply to this letter. Any reply that we send will be used by the Swarajists as an argument in favour of their contention that the Commission is not impartial.

The file may be laid before me about 15th Feb.

(I have personally explained this position to Sir Alexander and my discussion with him was that the Commission should not be influenced in any way by the forthcoming election at Tanjore and should proceed as arranged.)

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Received by 15-2-25

Secretary

Read letter dated 13th Feb. from the Collector of Tanjore forwarding a copy of the petition referred to therein.

12/2/25

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IIKANTHA SASTRY,
AGENT. SRINGERI MUTT.

Camp Bangalore,
Sringeri,

D.O. No. 572.

Date 12th Dec. 1924.

Dear Sir,

I write to introduce bearer Mr. Sadashiva Sastry as the Agent of the Jangamvadi Mutt of the Veerasaiva sect at Benares and as the representative sent to His Holiness Sri Jagadguru to represent the views of the Veerasaiva Jangamvadi Mutts of Benares and Ujjayini (in Bellary District) in the matter of the adption of a successor to the Veerasaiva Mutt at Balehonnur in the Kadur District of the State.

The Mutt at Balehonnur is an ancient one and His Holiness deems it proper that His Highness the Maharaja directs the adoption of a successor to the Seat-now reported to be vacant for a few years past- on the recommendations of the Heads of the four Veerasaiva Mutts of equal status and importance at Benares, Ujjayini, Srisaila and Umavat Kedara, and that it would not be so conducive to the moral and spiritual advancement of the community to act in the matter on the votes of the general public secured by the several aspirants for the vacant Seat.

I am directed by His Holiness to request you to represent this aspect of the question to His Highness the Maharaja and obtain His Highness' favourable orders in the matter in keeping with the dignity and sanctity of the institution.

Yours Sincerely,

To

Mirza Muhammad Ismail, Esq., B.A.,

Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

M Y S O R E .

D.O.No.379
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The Palace,
Mysore.
31st December 1924.

Dear Mr. Srinivasa Iyengar,

Kindly see the enclosed letter received from Mr. Srikantha Sastry in regard to the election of a Swami for the Balehonnur Mutt.

I should like to have a talk with you on the subject and I should be very grateful if you could comeround to Carlton House on the 2nd morning (Friday) at 9 o'clock, if convenient to you. I am returning to Bangalore tomorrow evening.

Yours sincerely,
Mirza M. Ismail

PRIVATE SECRETARY MYSORE

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THE PALACE,
BANGALORE.

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Dear Mr Srinivasaiengar

Many thanks
for your kind note
and you, if it is not too
much trouble, kindly come &
Call here at 9 tomorrow
morning.

Don't bother & send an answer
if it is all right

Yrs Sincerely
Mirza M. Ismail

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3.1.25

Dear Mr. Chandy,

I request you to kindly let me know if any definite action has been taken in the matter of issue of notice for holding the election of a successor to the Balehonnur Mutt. If no date has been already fixed and no notice issued for holding the meeting, the publication of the notice may be held in abeyance pending further instructions.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) K.R.S.

No. J 3/28

7-1-1928.

Dear Mr. Mirza,

With reference to your D.O. No.379 dated the 31st ultimo regarding the election of a Swamy to the Balehonnur Mutt. I shall, as suggested by you at the personal discussion that I had with you on the subject on the 3rd instant, arrange for appointing a committee for the nomination of the Swamy. in consultation with Dewan Bahadur Mr. Puttanna Chetty on his return to Bangalore next month. Meanwhile. I have instructed the Muzrai Commissioner to hold in abeyance the issue of notice for ~~holding~~ convening a general meeting at Tarikere for the election of the Swamy ~~at Tarikere~~ as ~~has been~~ previously proposed.

Yours sincerely,

7/1/28

C. No. 1062/22-23

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OFFICE OF THE ~~XXXXXXXX~~ COMMISSIONER

IN MYSORE,

Dated Bangalore, the 11th January 1923.

Dear Mr. Srinivasa Iyengar,

Referring to your D.O. letter No.2 25 dated 3rd -- January 1923 in the matter of holding the meeting of the election of a successor to the Bale-honnur Matha, I beg to enclose herein for your information copy of a demi-official communication dated 8th January 1923 received from Mr. Heblikar intimating that no action apart from issuing --- notices to Messrs Chandre Gowda and Santhappa Setty has been taken and that nothing further will be done pending ------- instructions in the matter.

Yours Sincerely,

K. Chandy

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D.O.No.6 of 24-25 dated 8th January 1925 from Mr.G.B. Heblikar, to the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

"I am in receipt just to-day of your D.O.No.C.1062 of 22-23 dated the 5th instant enquiring whether any -- definite action has been taken in the matter of issue of notice for holding the election of a successor to the - Balehonnur Mutt. On receipt of your letter No.C.1062 of 22-23 dated the 20th December 1924, Mr.B.Srinivasa Iyengar issued notices to Messrs. A. Chandregowda and - Santappa Setty to meet him immediately to settle details in the matter. Apart from this no further action has been taken in the matter up till now as Mr. Santappa -- Setty has not yet sent a reply to this communication.

As desired by you I shall take no action in the matter until I hear from you again."

"Copy"

Muzrai Commissioner.

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Secretariat

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C D o No. 124

PRIVATE SECRETARY MYSORE

THE PALACE,
BANGALORE.

15th January 1925.

Dear Mr. Srinivasa Iyengar,

With reference to your letter of the 7th instant, regarding the Bale Honnur Mutt dispute, it seems to me that one of the following courses may be adopted to secure a Swami for the Mutt. They are stated (as it appears to me) in the order of preference :

(1) Government to nominate a Swami in consultation with the recognised leaders of the Community, the views of the other four Lingayat Mutts also being obtained for consideration in arriving at a decision.

(2) Government to appoint a Committee consisting of five or six prominent members of the Community and nominate a Swami on their advice.

(3) Election of a Swami by the disciples of the Mutt, the election taking place simultaneously at Bale Honnur and Tarikere.

Before adopting any of these courses, it would be well to ascertain the opinion of gentlemen like Mr. Puttanna Chetty as to which course would be most acceptable to the disciples of the Mutt.

Yours sincerely,
Mirza M. Ismail

K. R. SRINIVASIENGAR,
MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

5/25

PUBLIC OFFICES,

Bangalore, dated 14th January 1925.

Dear Mr. Mirza,

I am in receipt of your D.O. No.124 dated the 13th instant regarding the Balehonnur Mutt dispute. As proposed by you, I shall consider the desirability of adopting one of the courses suggested by you, in consultation with Dewan Bahadur Mr.K.P. Puttanna Chetty, after his return to Bangalore. Meanwhile, arrangements for holding the election at Tarikere ~~as previously ordered~~ will be held in abeyance, as I have already informed you in my ~~previous~~ letter of the 7th instant.

Yours sincerely,

K R Srinivasa Iyengar

F. R. S. III-21

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Re Balahonnur mall succession.
To be submitted for orders as directed by the Member in P.A. [illegible]

13.2.25

13.2.25

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2nd member.
This may be submitted in 10th March next

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16.2.25

46 The Muz Commr. No. C-1062/22-23 dt 4-3-25 forwards Petns recd. from Vecnasaiva & several places in Belgaum & Dharwar Dts. regarding the appt. of successor to the Balehonnur Matha.

The petitions are to the effect that the [illegible] the owners of the Mira & Panchacha mathas viz the Banavase, Kedas, Sudaila & Ujjaini mathas should be given the choice of making a selection of the matt & that the swamiji of the Ujjaini matt should assisted the selected candidate as guru of the matt.

The Vecnasaiva community has been divided [illegible] into two powerful

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and irreconcilable parties & there
is no likelihood of their coming
to any decision in the matter unless
Govt. step in and take a decisive
action in view of the unfortunate
delay of the Govt. and of the unduly long
delay of 3 years in selecting a successor
to the late.

a practical proposal seems to have
been made in the meeting held at
Chikmagalur presided over by the C.R.
Mahadevappa vide Resolution No. 2.
of the Proc. of Sub?. No such
proposal has been made in
Dr. D.S. Siddappa's letter giving cover
to a copy of Resp received at the
General meeting at Mysore on 22-11-25.

If this is agreed, a copy of the
Resp may be sent to the Mun Comr.
for taking action as enquiry and
sending up a report to Govt as soon as
possible. The matter has been placed
before the Govt by the papers on 10-3-25

6/3/25

To avoid bickerings between the two parties,
the Committee should be appointed by
by Govt, and there should be no dispute
member in it.

7.3.25

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From the Mag Conr. No. C-1062 dt 9-3-25 forwards copy of Prop of meeting of the Vellalar Sabhai held at Thanamanai, Chidambaram Taluk on 9-2-25, desiring that a small Representative Committee may be appd consisting of Representatives of Madras at Kadalur, Vellore, Tindivanam & Villupuram, the Mag Conr. of Pondicherry being appd to examine the claims of persons to be the candidates selected &c.

Dear Mr. Mirza,

In continuation of my D.O. dated 14th January 1925 regarding the election of a Guru to the Balehonnur Matha I had a talk with Dewan Bahadur Mr. Puttanna Chetty in the matter on his return to Bangalore from his North Indian tour. ~~He considers that there are very great practical difficulties in the way of holding a general~~ As regards the election of the Swami by all the disciples of the Mutt ~~On a careful consideration of all the circumstances I am inclined to agree with his view.~~ Mr Puttannachetty's suggestion that a general meeting of

personal connection & talk which I am also in accord, has then considered practical approaches, in the adoption of such a course of that is may be thought up.

Of the two alternatives suggested by you in your letter No.C. 124 dated 13th January 1925, ~~he is in favour of appointing~~ a small committee consisting of a few prominent members ~~for the nomination of~~ a Swami on their advice, ~~He has suggested~~ his latter; and he has suggested the following persons to be appointed as members of the committee:-

- either for first & nomination in consultation with the leaders of the community or for first & nomination a committee

1 The other Committee

1. Dewan Bahadur Mr.K.P.Puttanna Chetty
2. Dewan Bahadur Mr. Shanthaveerappa, Retired Deputy Collector, Dharwar.
3. Mr. Hampaiya, Member of the Legislative Council, Bellary.
4. Mr. H. Lingaraj Urs, Muzrai Bakshi, Palace, Mysore.
5. Mr. Gurushanta Sastry, Pandit. Mysore Palace.
6. One of the Brahmin Palace Pandits
7. & 8. Two members of the Shivachar community, one to be elected by each of the two rival factions.

In view of the fact that the Palace Pandit has a large number of disciples both in the Madras and the Bombay Presidencies it has been found advisable to get an influential Lingayet gentleman from these Presidencies.

The Palace Pandit will help the committee in examining the candidates and forming an estimate of their educational and other qualifications. The nomination of a member from each of the contending parties in Mysore will go to some extent to satisfy them.

Mr. Puttanna Chetty did not wish to be the Chairman himself. He suggested that the Muzrai Member or the Muzrai Commissioner may be the Chairman of the committee. I do not think it desirable for the Muzrai Member of Government to be the Chairman of the Committee and I do not wish to take part in the proceedings. I would therefore propose that the Muzrai Commissioner may be the President of the committee.

On a suggestion was made by Mr. Puttanna Chetty as to whether we can have representatives from the other chief Lingayet Mutts i.e. at Ujjani, Benares etc. to serve on the committee; but he said that it was not desirable to drag them into this controversy and give them any voice in the election. He further said that so long as the candidate selected by the committee and approved by Government is a deserving person, none of the Mutts is likely to raise any objection to the choice.

I shall [illegible] kindly favour me with your advice whether action is to be taken on the lines suggested in the resolution of a committee appointed for the purpose. On receipt of your reply, I shall submit a formal submission note for the orders of His Highness in the matter.

I may add that whatever course of action the Government take in respect of this case, it is sure to be criticised by one party or the other as there is a very sharp division among them and it has not been found possible to bring about a reconcilliation between them. We must therefore be prepared to be quite firm and not from a deaf ear to all to pay any regard to interested clamour or criticisms of our actions in the press, from the ambitious and disappointed parties.

Yours sincerely,

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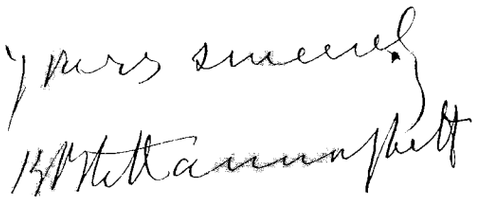

Bangalore
24th. March
1925

My dear Mr Srinivasiengar

I enclose replies
received from
Diwan Bahadur
Shantavirappa,
Mensinkai and
Mr J Mallesappa
M L C - agreeing
to serve on the
Committee

Santa Barbara Museum
of Natural
History

I return the directory
with thanks,

Chamonix
22nd March
1925

Mystery Mr Swinnerton's

yes - the name of
the M & C is Mr
J. Mallett à Porta -
and not Hampstead
I was writing him
today - I have
already written
to Mr Swinnerton

Dharwar 23-3-25

My dear Diwan Bahadur

I am extremely glad to learn that the Mysore Govt has been induced to take up the burning question in right earnest and settle it once for all itself. I thank you heartily for mentioning my name & hope you will be one of the representatives. I believe that the Govt will be pleased to select some more representatives from this part of the country.

It is the sacred duty of every Vishnava to interest himself in the matter which is

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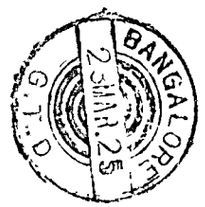

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D.O.No.211.

The Palace,

Mysore.

16th March 1925.

Dear Mr. Srinivasa Iyengar,

I have submitted your letter of the 12th March to His Highness, and write to say in reply that His Highness approves of the suggestions which you have made in it in consultation with P. Puttanna Chetty, for the nomination of a Guru for the Bale Honnur Mutt. Formal proposals may now be kindly submitted for His Highness's orders.

Yours sincerely,

Mirza M. Ismail

I have requested privately to know if the Shemoga gentlemen's proposals for him will be willing to serve on the Committee. His reply may be expected by the end of the month. Then my further action will be taken.

25/3/25

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Serial No.

As personally invited by the Finance Member, a draft order is submitted on the lines indicated by the Member

8/4/25

1-4-25 (for Member)

174/8/4

Subject to

8/4

Finance note is put up for sanction of Dewan with a draft order

The order and the proposals contained in the finance note were informally communicated to the Private Secretary to His Highness who has in D.O. of 16th inst. stated that His Highness approves of them and that they might be sent up formally for orders of His Highness.

14/4/25

14.4.25

a D.S. N. submitted.

15/4/25

15.4.25

Dewan

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DEWAN'S OFFICE,
Rec'd on 15. APR. 1925
Reg. No. 7719

H.H. No. 5785

Final Note by the First Member of Council.

Subject:—

Appointment of a Guru to the vacant peeta of the Balehonnur Mutt in the Kadur District.

The proposal submitted in my Final Note dated the 2nd December 1924 to hold at Tarikere a meeting of the disciples of the Balehonnur Mutt for the election of a Guru to the vacant peeta of the Mutt having been graciously approved by His Highness, the Muzrai Commissioner was asked to arrange for the meeting being held at an early date and to submit definite proposals regarding the appointment of a successor to the Mutt. Subsequently, however, a number of petitions and proceedings of conferences of Veerasaivas held at various places in and outside the State have been received protesting against the election of the Guru at a general meeting of the disciples of the Mutt and urging that the selection of a suitable candidate to succeed to the Mutt may be made either by the Swamis of the other four important Simhasana Veerasaiva Mutts in India viz: those at Benares, Ujjani, Srisaila and Kedar - or by a small committee consisting of the more prominent members of the Veerasaiva community.

2. I discussed the matter with the Private Secretary to His Highness as desired by him; and as suggested by him in his letter dated the 13th January 1925, I consulted Dewan Bahadur Mr. K.P. Puttanna Chetty on his return from his Northern India tour last month about the best course that may be adopted in the circumstances of the case. In consideration of the general feeling against the election of the Swami at a general meeting of the members of the Veerasaiva community and also of the practical difficulties in the way of such election and also in view of the fact that unless Government

adopted

adopted a decisive attitude and took the matter in their hands there was no chance of the rival factions among the members of the community coming to an understanding and selecting a suitable candidate among themselves for succession to the pecta, he agree to the appointment of a small but influential committee by the Government to select a proper successor to the Mutt from among the available and eligible candidates and submit its recommendations for the approval of His Highness; and he suggested the names of the undermentioned gentlemen to be nominated as members of the committee with the Muzrai Commissioner or Muzrai Member of Government as Chairman:

1. Dewan Bahadur Mr. V.P. Puttanna Chetty
2. Dewan Bahadur Mr. Shanthaveerappa, Retired Deputy Collector, Dharwar.
3. Mr. T. Malleshappa, Member of the Madras Legislative Council, Bellary.
4. Mr. H. Lingaraj Urs, Palace Muzrai Bakshi
5. Mr. Gurushantha Sastry, Palace Pandit, or (Mr. Chandrasekhara Sastry of Davangere)
6. One of the Brahmin Pandits of the Palace
7 & 8. A member from each of the two rival factions of the Veerasaiva community in the State.

Messrs. Shanthaveerappa of Dharwar and Mallesappa of Bellary have been proposed to be appointed to the committee as representing the large number of Veerasaiva adherents of the Mutt in the Bombay and Madras Presidencies respectively. Both of them were consulted by Mr. Puttanna Chetty about serving on the committee and they have expressed their willingness to do so. Mr. Lingaraj Urs is proposed to be appointed to the committee as a well-wisher of the Veerasaiva community and as one who commands the esteem and respect of the members of the community. With regard to the suggestion of Mr. Puttanna Chetty to have one of the Brahmin Pandits of the Palace on the committee, I am, on careful consideration, not in favour of accepting the suggestion as it may perhaps be taken objection to by the members of the Veerasaiva community and cause some amount

of resentment among them. I would therefore have the Vees Pandits -Messrs. Gurushantha Sastry and Chandrasekhara Sastry on the committee, and leave it to the committee itself to get the services of a Brahmin Pandit to assist the committee if they consider it necessary to do so.

3 In view of the fact that the course suggested above appears to be the best and most practicable one in the circumstances of the case, I beg that the proposal for the appointment of a committee consisting of the following gentlemen with the Muzrai Commissioner as Chairman, for recommending to Government the name of a suitable person for succession to the Mutt after necessary enquiry and examination of the several candidates as regards their social standing, character and educational and other qualifications may be graciously approved by His Highness:-

1. Dewan Bahadur Mr. V P. Puttanna Chetty
2. Dewan Bahadur Mr. Shanthaveerappa.
   Retired Deputy Collector, Dharwar.
3. Mr. T. Malleshappa, Member of the Madras Legislative Council, Bellary.
4. Mr. H. Lingaraj Urs, Palace Muzrai Rakshi
5. Mr. Gurushantha Sastry, Palace Pandit.
6. Mr. Chandrasekhara Sastry of Davangere.
7 & 8. A member from each of the two rival factions of the Veerasaiva community in the State.

OFFG. FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

13-4-1925.

14/4/25

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Submitted to His Highness.

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I submit herewith a Final Note by the First Member of Council on the subject of the appointment of a Guru to the vacant post of the Balehonnur Mutt in the Kadur District, for His Highness' gracious approval.

Bangalore,
20th April 1925.

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STATEMENT OF CASES SUBMITTED FOR THE ORDERS OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA DURING THE TOUR OUTSIDE THE STATE IN APRIL 1925.

Serial No.	Subject	Recommendation of Council, or Member of Government in charge, as the case may be	Dewan's recommendation	Orders of His Highness	Orders regarding submission of files (*vide* foot note)
578	Appointment of a committee for recommending to Government a suitable person for succession to the Balehonnur Mutt in the Kadur District.	...	...	705 Appointment by His Highness	

Note – The letter (a or b or c) may kindly be encircled by the Private Secretary to His Highness in the last column to indicate whether

(a) File may be submitted at once

(b) File may be submitted after His Highness returns

(c) File may not be submitted at all

Serial No.

The draft prepared as per personal direction of the Hon'ble Member (vide p. 16 supra) is submitted for consideration.

4.6.25

4.6.25

Mean flag refers

Re. draft

106/6.6

Draft approved

A copy of the order may be given for my reference

16/6

Mr. Mean kept again on appointment

16.6.25

48 To the Hon Com^r., By Com^r. Kindly see Secretary's Committee. Chief Engineer's Conference.
No. 1822-31/Mers 26.4.48 of 17.6.25
Draft the agenda of a Committee for deciding a date of the Headquarters Conference with the Hon'ble Com^r. as Chairman, and suggest that the proposals in the matter may be sent by Supdg. Engineers before the end of September 1925.

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No. C 1062/22-23 27468 Office of the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,
one one telegram & one petition

Dated Bangalore, 16th December 1924.

From

K. Chandy, Esquire., B.A.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.

To

K. V. Anantaraman, Esquire., B.A.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department.

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter C.No.1062 of 22 dated 26th November 1924 regarding the election of a vatu to succeed to the Gurushipp of the Bale-honnur matha, I have the honor to submit herewith a telegram and a copy of the proceedings of a meeting of Veerashaivas held at Mysore on 22nd November 1924 received from Mr. Halkur Marla-Siddappa of Arsikere and Dr. T.S.Siddappa of Mysore, respectively, -- praying that the proposed meeting may be ordered to be held at Bale-honnur Head Quarters of the matha.

2. As regards the question of the grant of a Rahadari to the Swamigalu of the Ujjini Matha kind reference is requested to my C.964/23-24 dated 15th December 1924.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
K Chandy
Muzrai Commissioner.

KSR.

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From

Dr: T. S. Siddappa, L.M & S.,
(Retired District Medical Officer)
President, Veerashiva Association,
Vanivilas Road, M y s o r e.

To

Amir-ul-mulak
Mirza M. Ismail, Esq., B. A.,
Private Secretary to His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
(Camp) Dehradun.

Dated 4th December, 1924.

Dear Sir,

While confirming my wire dated 25th ultimo reading "Veerashivas assembled under Veerashiva Association auspices, pray your Highness to permit election of Head for Balehonnur Mutt as per usual custom", I have the honour to inform you that the Meeting of the Veerashiva Community people in Mysore was held on 22nd November, 1924, under the auspices of the Veerashiva Association, Mysore, and two resolutions have been passed therein to the effect that His Highness should be prayed for permission to elect a Swamy for the Balehonnur Mutt at Balehonnur itself as per existing custom and also for the grant of a Rahadari to Ujjayani Jagad Guru for enabling HIS HOLINESS to tour theough-out the Mysore State with His Holiness' paraphernalia as usual.

For your kind information, I on behalf of the members of the Veerashiva Association beg to enclose herein two printed copies of the abovesaid resolutions and request you to kindly submit the same to His Highness for HisHighness' kind and favourable disposal.

Begging to be kindly excused for the trouble and thanking you in anticipation,

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

PRESIDENT
VEERASHIVA ASSOCIATION.

Copy forwarded to:-

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ಶ್ರೀ ಜಗದ್ಗುರು ಪಂಚಾಚಾರ್ಯ್ಯ ಪ್ರಸೀದಂತು.

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3. ,, ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪನವರು,
4. ,, ಎಂ. ಎಲ್. ನಾಗಣ್ಣನವರು,
5. ,, ದರೋಗ ನಂಜಪ್ಪನವರು,
6. ,, ಹುಚ್ಚವೀರಪ್ಪನವರು,
7. ,, ಆರ್. ಮಾದಪ್ಪನವರು,
8. ,, ನಂಜುಂಡಪ್ಪನವರು,
9. ,, ಬಸಪ್ಪನವರು,
10. ,, ಇಂಸ್ಪೆಕ್ಟರ್ ತಿಮ್ಮಪ್ಪಯ್ಯನವರು,
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ಇನ್ನೂ ಮಂತಾದವರು

ತಾರೀಖು 20 ನೆ ಮುಕ್ರುಂಮಿನ ಮಿಾಟಿಂಗು ನೋಟೀಸು ಓದಲಾಯಿತು ಹಾಜರಿದ್ದ ಮೆಂಬರುಗಳ ಇಷ್ಟಪ್ರಕಾರ ಡಾಕ್ಟರ್ ಟಿ ಎಸ್. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪನವರು ಅಗ್ರಾಸನವನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಿದರು.

ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆದ ನಿರ್ಧಾರಗಳು.

1. ಹಾಲಿ ಶ್ರೀ ಜಗದ್ಗುರು ಬಾಳೆ ಹೊನ್ನೂರು ಪೀಠಕ್ಕೆ ವಟುವನ್ನು ಜುನಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಅತ್ಯವಶ್ಯಕವಾಗಿರುವ ದರಿಂದಲೂ, ಸದರಿ ಜುನಾವಣೆಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಶಿಷ್ಯಮುಂತಾಲಿಯಿಂಗಳಿಗೆ ಭಿನ್ನಾಭಿಪ್ರಾಯಗಳುಂಟಾಗಿ ಒಂದಕ್ಕೊಂದು ವಿಷಮವಾಗಿರುವದರಿಂದಲೂ ಅಲ್ಲದೆ ಈ ವಟುವಿನ ಜುನಾವಣೆಯನ್ನು ಮಹಾಜನಗಳ ಬಹುಮತ (Votes) ಕ್ಕೆ ಬಿಡುವುದಾದರೆ ಸದರಿ ಮಹಾಜನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅನೇಕರು ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತವಿದ್ಯಾಪರಿಶ್ರಮ ವಿಲ್ಲದವರಾಗಿ ವಟುಗಳ ಯೋಗ್ಯತೆಯನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಯತಕ್ಕ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲದೆ ಇರುವ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯಜನಗಳೇ ವಿಶೇಷವಾಗಿರುವದರಿಂದ ಸರಿಯಾದ ಯೋಗ್ಯತೆಯುಳ್ಳ ವಟುವನ್ನೇ ಜುನಾಯಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆಂಬ ಭರವಸೆ ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ಇರುವದರಿಂದಲೂ ಶ್ರೀ ಜಗದ್ಗುರು ಬಾಳೆ ಹೊನ್ನೂರು ಪೀಠಕ್ಕೆ ಸಮಾನವಾದ ಇತರ ಉಜ್ಜಯಿನಿ, ಕಾಶಿ, ಹಿಮವತ್ಕೇದಾರ, ಶ್ರೀಶೈಲ ಪೀಠಾಧೀಶ್ವರರಿಂದ ಜುನಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು ಕಳುಹಿಸಲ್ಪಡುವ ವಟುಗಳ ಪಾಂಡಿತ್ಯವನ್ನು ಶ್ರೀ ಜಗದ್ಗುರು ಬಾಳೆ ಹೊನ್ನೂರು ಪೀಠದ ಸನ್ನಿಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಪೂರ್ವಪದ್ಧತಿ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ವಿದ್ವಾಂಸರುಗಳು ಪರೀಕ್ಷಿಸಿ, ಉತ್ತಮತರಗತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೇರ್ಗಡೆ ಹೊಂದಿದ, ಶ್ರೀಮನ್ಮಹಾರಾಜರವರ ಘನವಾದ ಚಿತ್ತಕ್ಕೆ ಯೋಗ್ಯನೆಂದು ಕಂಡುಬರುವ ವಟುವಿಗೆ ಶ್ರೀ ಪಟ್ಟಾಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಮಾಡುವ ಹಾಗೆ ಅಪ್ಪಣೆ ಮಾಡುವಂತೆ ಶ್ರೀಮನ್ಮಹಾರಾಜರವರನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳತಕ್ಕದ್ದೆಂದು ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿತು.

2. ಶ್ರೀಮದ್ವೀರಶೈವ ಮತಸ್ಥಾಪನಾಚಾರ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಜಗದ್ಗುರು ದಾರುಕಾಚಾರ್ಯ ಪರಂಪರಾಗತ ಶ್ರೀಮದುಜ್ಜಯಿನಿ ಸದ್ಧರ್ಮ ಸಿಂಹಾಸನಾಧೀಶ್ವರ ಶ್ರೀ ಜಗದ್ಗುರು ಸಿದ್ದಲಿಂಗ ಶಿವಾಚಾರ್ಯ ಮಹಾಸ್ವಾಮಿಗಳು ಕಡೂರು ಡಿಸ್ಟ್ರಿಕ್ಟು ಕಡೆ ಚಿತ್ತೈಸಿರುವದರಿಂದ ಅಸೂಯಾಳುಗಳಾದ ಕೆಲವರು ಸದರಿ ಮಹಾಸ್ವಾಮಿಯವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಬರುದಾವಳಿಗಳೊಡನೆ ಸಂಚಾರಮಾಡುವದಕ್ಕೆ ರಹದಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಕೊಡಕೊಡದೆಂಬದಾಗಿ ಮೈಸೂರು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿಕೊಟ್ಟು ಇರುವಂತೆ ತಿಳಿದುಬಂದಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಹೀಗೆ ಮಾಡುವದು ಕೇವಲ ಶೋಚನೀಯವಾದದ್ದೆಂತಲೂ ಮತ್ತು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಇಂಥಾ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಗಮನಕೊಡದೆ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ವಾಮಿಯವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಬರುದಾವಳಿಗಳೊಡನೆ ನಿರಾತಂಕವಾಗಿ ಸಂಚಾರಮಾಡುವಹಾಗೆ ರಹದಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂತಲೂ ಶ್ರೀಮನ್ಮಹಾರಾಜರವರನ್ನೂ ಮತ್ತು ಅವರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರನ್ನೂ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳತಕ್ಕದ್ದೆಂದು ನಿರ್ಣಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿತು.

ನಮ್ಮನ್ನಾಳುವ ಘನವನ್ನೆ ಳೆದಿದ ಶ್ರೀಮನ್ಮಹಾರಾಜರವರಿಗೂ ಮತ್ತು ಅವರ ಕುಟುಂಬವರ್ಗಕ್ಕೂ ಜಗದೀಶ್ವರನು ಆಯು ರಾರೋಗ್ಯವನ್ನು ದಯಪಾಲಿಸಲೆಂಬ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥನೆಯೊಡನೆ ಸಭೆಯು ವಿಸರ್ಜಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿತು.

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16 FEB 1925

No. 2950/1

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TO HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE,
Mysore 14.2.1925.

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By Order,

for *Private Secretary*
to H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

No. 763 of 1924-25

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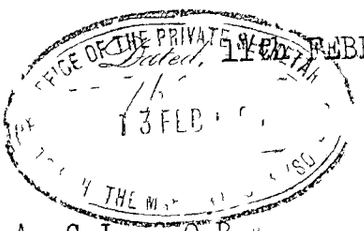
Tel. Address: "DESAMUDRE"

D. S. MALLAPPA
MERCHANT AND MEMBER OF THE
MYSORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

TIPTUR

No.

Dated, 11th FEBRUARY 25.



To

Amin-ul-mulk Mirza Md. Ismail, B.A.,C.I.E.,O.B.E.,
Private secretary to His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, M y s o r e.

S I R,

In submitting herewith the proceedings of a largely attended Mass Meeting of the Lingayets of Tiptur and its surroundings held on the 6th instant in Sree Veerashaivananda Ashrama, Tiptur, for the purpose of considering the recent proposals of Government to form a small committee for selecting a Swamy to the vacant seat of Balehonnur Mut, I request you to kindly bring the following facts and the proceedings of the above said meeting to the Benign consideration of His Highness the Maharaja. As per wishes of the members of the community, His Highness's Government were pleased to order to hold the election of a Swamy to Balehonnur Mut at TARIKERE. Now, we learn that the Government are desirous of appointing a committee to select a Swamy. This arrangement, the community disapproves. In the community now, there are two contending parties. Mr.Santappa setty having become the self-appointed administrator of the Mut, has the whole property of the Mut under his control and he has set on foot a counter movement to the popular desire. His party conjointly with Ujjaini Swamy, who is a virakta hater, is trying to install a Vatu of its party, who will be subservient to Mr.Santappa setty. The other party is trying to counteract the evil plots engineered by Mr.Santappa setty party and wants to get selected through popular will, a swamy who is

who is capable of bringing about unity in the community and improvement in the Mut affairs. When there are two contending parties, His Hi hness can best judge that unless the matter is decided by the whole body of disciples, it will not come to a happy termination and the Swamy select -ed otherwise than by election will not command the reverance as he would otherwise command. Since the Mut is one of the important Peethas of our community, any swamy that will be installed to the Peetha must command universal respect in the community; that will not be the case if a swamy is not chosen by the disciples who are to rever and worship him. Thus His Highness will see the importance of holding the election for the purpose of selecting a swamy. If, on the other hand, a swamy is chosen by a committee, I beg to submit, the swamy, thus selected, will not receive the support of the whole community. As mentioned above, there are two parties in the community; individual members of the community are on the side of one party or the other. A committee chosen by His Highness's Government is likely to contain a majority of members either belonging to one party or the other. In that case, the decision of the committee will be one-sided, which is sure to displease the other party and thus the importance of the Mut will suffer. However impartial be the members of the committee to be appointed in a matter like this, they are sure to hold opinions identical with those of the party they belong to. What I venture to submit is that instead of allowing the party spirit to dominate by the formation of a small committee as the one now contemplated by His Highness's Government, it is better that an open election is held where every

every disciple will give his vote to the swamy he has to rever and worship throughout, and the swâmy who receives the highest support in the community be installed. The decision once arrived at by His Highness's Government to hold the election in Tarikere or some other Railway station place is liked by the majority of the community. It affords equal opportunities to both the parties. I most humbly pray His Highness, on behalf of the members of the Mass Meeting which I now represent, to kindly intervene in the matter and order the retention of the former order of Government to hold the election of the Swamy at Tarikere or any other railway station place.

With loyal greetings to His Highness,

I beg to remain,

Your most obedient servant,

D. Mallappa

Chairman,
Mass meeting, Tiptur

Tel. Address: "DESAMUDRE"

D. S. MALLAPPA
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MYSORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

TIPTUR

Dated. 11th FEB:25.

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The Proccedings of a mass meeting of Lingayets of Tiptur and its surroundings held on the 6th instant in Sree Veerashaivandnda Ashrama, Tiptur, for the purpose of considering the recent proposals of Govt: to form a small committee to select a swamy to Balehonnur Mut.

Mr.D.S.Mallappa,Member of the Legislative Council was unanimously elected to the chair.

Resolved that the decision of the Govt: of Mysore to hold the election of a swamy at Tarikere to Balehonnur Mut, is a just one and it is in conformity with the traditions of religion as in a similar election the present Jagadguru Swamy of Chitaldrug Murugha Mut was chosen and the Government be prayed not to alter either the mode of election or the place of election.

Resolved that the chairman of this mass meeting be empowered to send the above resolutions with his explanatory letter to the Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja requesting him to kindly convey our feelings to His Highness and solicit on our behalf His Highness's kind intervention to restore the former order of the Government to hold the election at Tarikere.

The meetting was terminated with three cheers to HisHighness the Maharaja and His Highness the Yuvaraja and thanks to the chair.

D.S.Mallappa

Chairman,
Mass meeting, Tiptur

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UTTARADHIKARALOCHANA SABHA OF SREEMATH JAGADGURU RAMBHAPURI (Balehonnur) PEETA,

CHIKMAGALUR.

25 FEB 1925 MUZRAI D. 139

The Proceedings of the General Meeting of the Veerashyva Community, convened in the Upstairs of the residence of Mr.P.Nirvanappa, of Chikmagalur, under the Presidency of Mr. L.R. Mahanthiah Setti, Coffee Planter, Chikmagalur,

Secy. to Govt. with Compts B.O P.S.D.

Dated Wednesday the 11th February, 1925, at 7. P.M.

Members present.

1. Mr. L.R.Mahanthiah Setti, Coffee Planter, Chikmagalur,(PRESIDENT)
2. Mr.M.Siddalingappa Setti, Coffee Planter do
3. Mr.Matada Manjiah, Chikmagalur
4. Mr.Basavaradhya, -do-
5. Mr.Ajjappa, ... -do-
6. Mr.Matada Chandiah, -do-
7. Mr.Matada Malliah, -do-
8. Mr.Siddaramiah, Municipal Councillor, Chikmagalur.
9. Mr.N.Siddabasaviah, Chikmagalur.
10. Mr.P.Santappa, Landholder, Chikmagalur.
11. Mr.K.Ganganna Setti, merchant. Chikmagalur
12. Mr.C.S.Mallappa Setti, do do
13. Mr.C.K.Mallappa Setti do do
14. Mr.M.C. Rudrappa Setti, Landholder, Chikmagalur.
15. Mr. M.S.Veerathappa, Chikmagalur.
16. Mr. Patel Sivananje Gowda, Chikmagalur.
17. Mr. M.C.Chandrasekhariah, do
18. Mr. P.Nirvanappa Setti, do
19. Mr. M.P.Chandiah, do 20. Nirvanappa Setti.Esq.
20. Mr. etc. etc. etc. etc. etc.

The following Resolutions were unanimously passed:-

1. Resolved :- That it be brought to the kind notice of our Benign Government that in view of the existence of the two parties having two different views regarding the choice of a suitable candidate for the Holy Peeta of Balehonnur mutt, the seat has fallen vacant for a long period and that much inconvenience is felt by the Lingayet Community as a whole for want of a Guru in the Principal mutt who alone has to instal the ~~subordinates~~ the Heads of the several subordinate mutts.

2. Resolved:- That following the established tradition suitable candidates of good birth and conduct be selected by their Holiness the Jagadgurus of Ujjain, Parvat, Banarese, and Kedar mutts and finally chosen at a Competitive Examination conducted by Palace Vidvans in the presence of a select Committee consisting of :-
   1. Mir Amin-ul- Mulk Mr. Mirza, Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja Of Mysore .
   2. Mr. K.Chandy, Second Member of Council
   3. Muzarai Bhakshi of Palace.
   4. Dewan Bahadur K P.Puttanna Chetti.
   5. Mr.M.P. Mahadeviah, Sub-judge.

   and appointed after obtaining the assent of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

3. Resolved:- That His Highness the Maharaja and the Government of Mysore be prayed to accord permission at an early date to instal the selected candidate, by His Holiness the Jagadguru Sree Siddalinga Sivacharya Mahaswamy of Ujjain Mutt who is just now touring in Tarikere Taluk, by granting to His Holiness due Rubkari to tour in the Province.

Resolved:- That copies of the proceedings of the above meeting be sent to

1. The Heads of all the four Holy mutts.
2. His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.
3. The Dewan Sahib.
4. The Second Member of Council.
5. The Muzrai Commissioner.
6. The Deputy Commissioner Kadur Division

Dated 13-2-1925

PRESIDENT.

Chikmagalur.

To

The Dewan Sahib
in Mysore.
Bangalore

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Chikmagalur.

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Dated Wednesday the 11th February, 1925, at 7. P. M.

Members present.

1. Mr.C.R. Shanthiah Setti, Coffee Planter, Chikmagalur.(PRESIDENT) Resp
2. Mr. M.Siddalingappa Setti, Coffee Planter do
3. Mr. Matada Manjiah, Chikmagalur
4. Mr. Basavaradhya, -do-
5. Mr. Ajjappa, .. -do-
6. Mr. Matada Chandiah, -do-
7. Mr. Matada Malliah, -do-
8. Mr. Siddaramiah, Municipal Councillor, Chikmagalur.
9. Mr. N. Siddabasaviah Chikmagalur.
10. Mr. P. Santappa, Landholder, Chikmagalur.
11. Mr. K. Ganganna Setti, merchant. Chikmagalur
12. Mr. C.S. Mallappa Setti, do o
13. Mr. C.K. Mallappa Setti do do
14. Mr. M.C. Rudrappa Setti, Landholder. Chikmagalur.
15. Mr. L.S. Veerathappa, Chikmagalur.
16. Mr. Patel Sivananje Gowda, Chikmagalur.
17. Mr. M.C. Chandrasekhariah, do
18. Mr. P. Nirvanappa Setti, do
19. Mr. M.P. Chandiah, do (P. Nirvanappa Setti) etc.
20. Mr. etc etc etc. etc. etc.

The following Resolutions were unanimously passed:-

1. Resolved :- That it be brought to the kind notice of our Indian Government that in view of the existence of the two parties having two different views regarding the choice of a suitable candidate for the Holy Pontiff of Balehonnur mutt, the seat has fallen vacant for a long period and that much inconvenience is felt by the Lingayat Community as a whole for want of a Guru in the Principal mutt who alone has to instal the subordinates the Heads of the several subordinate mutts.

2. Resolved:- That following the established tradition suitable candidates of good birth and conduct be selected by their Holiness the Jagadgurus of Ujjain, Parvat, Banarese, and Kedar mutts and finally chosen at a Competitive Examination conducted by Palace Vidvans in the presence of a select Committee consisting of :-
   1. Mir Amin-ul-Mulk Mr. Mirza, Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja Of Mysore .
   2. Mr. K.Chandy, Second Member of Council
   3. Muzarai Bhakshi of Palace.
   4. Dewan Bahadur K.P.Puttanna Chetti.
   5. Mr. M.P. Mahadeviah, Sub-judge.

   and appointed after obtaining the assent of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

3. Resolved:- That His Highness the Maharaja and the Government of Mysore be prayed to accord permission at an early date to instal the selected candidate, by His Holiness the Jagadguru Sree Siddalinga Sivacharya Mahaswamy of Ujjain Mutt who is just now touring in Tarikere Taluk, by granting to His Holiness due Pachadara to tour in the [illegible] Mee

Resolved:- That copies of the proceedings of the above are

1. The Heads of all the four Lolé mutts.
2. His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.
3. The Dewan Sahib.
4. The Second Member of Council.
5. The Muzrai Commissioner.
6. The Deputy Commissioner

Dated/3-2-1925

Chikmagalur.

ASSISTANT.

To

The Second Member of Council
in Mysore
Bangalore

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Office of the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 3rd March 1925.
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From

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esquire., B.A.,

Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,

Bangalore.

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To

V. Anantaraman, Esquire., B.A.,

Secretary to the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

Revenue Department.

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter C.No.1062 of 22-23 dated 7th January 1925 and subsequent demi official correspondence regarding the appointment of a successor to the Bale-honnur Peeta, I have the -- honor to submit herewith for the information of Government petitions - received from the Veerasaivas of -- the*marginally places bringing to notice the inconvenience caused to the disciples by the non-appointment of a suitable Vatu and praying that arrangements may be made to instal one before the close of Phalguna month.

* Bacidoni, Belgaum District.
Gorabala do.
Belgaum
Sirasangi do.
Chikumbi do. Kallapura,
Annageri Dharwar Belgaum Dist.
Lingadhala do
Basavarga do
Mulli, Parsgoda Tk.
Makagodda Dharwar
& Mundargipeta do

The gist of the petitions is that the Swamies of the four ----- Panchachar mathas, viz., Benares, Ujjini, Srisaila and Kedar should be given the choice to make the selection and that Sri Siddalingaswamigalu of the Ujjini matha now in Mysore should be permitted to conduct the necessary initiation ceremonies etc.

2. Copies of memorials submitted to His Highness the Maharaja by the Residents of Betgeri, Gadag & Chikmagalur have also been received in thi office.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

C S Balasundaramiyer

Muzrai Commissioner.

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ఆసర బాగుల ఎముకరాంపి శేషిత్వ కళాశాలకు బదిలీ

బెంగళూరు గ్రామరక్షిణిగా _____

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ఆర్డర్

జిల్లా బళ్ళగాంవ లాలుక చరనగడ ట్రైకి- గొరాబాళగ్రామద బోర

ఎ శ్రీవరు బరకొండ ఆజ్ఞాయిసందరే:—

నేత్ర ముళ్ళి చీరవాద బాళిదోన్నూర నింధానసన్ను అధికారిగళల్లి
ది ముడు వర్షదాళాశిద్ద నత్ర ధర్మశాయల్లి అనేక ప్రొందరిగళాదుదరింద
ఆదరో రుధర్మచీరత్తి గ్రాదర ప్రాల్లగొ ఎమనదల్లి నిత్యలాగు, నదంబారియు,
ఆద లిద్దావ బ్రత్య బారియన్ను నోడువిని; శౌచి, శ్రీదర్శిల, లుక్షయనో మొదలా
ద చీరతాబాయిగళ అనుమతియి ప్రకార అధికార ముడువంతే ధ్వనిసలు
దయు చొవిసబేకెందు బేడికొళ్ళుత్తేవే.

ఈ చీరత్తి ప్రయోజనవిల్లద శేషరు ఆతంక ముడువరిందు
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No. C1062/22-23 Office of the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 9th M a r c h 1925.

From

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.

To

K. V. Anantaraman, Esq., B.A.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department.

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter C.No.1062 of 22-23 dated 4th March 1925, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of the proceedings of a meeting of the Veerasaiva Sabha held at Thoranamavu, -- Chikmagalur Taluk, on 9th February 1925 in the matter of the election of a Vatu to succeed to the guruship of the Bale-honnur matha. While taking objection to the election of a candidate by votes to be recorded at a meeting to be held for the purpose, it has been unanimously ------ resolved that a small committee consisting of the representatives of -- 4 mathas at Kedar, Benares, Sri Saila and Ujjain, the Muzrai Commissioner and the Palace Muzrai Bakshi may be appointed to examine the learning -- parentage etc., of the candidates and to make a final selection.

2. It seems to me that judging from the signatories to the proceedings the meeting was a fairly representative one.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
CS Balasundaramayer
Muzrai Commissioner.

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Most respected Sir,

I, the undersigned, most ~~re~~ humbly beg to submit herewith a copy of the proceedings of the Mrgasabha ~~sabha~~ held at Thoranamavu, a village in Chitradurga Taluk, on [illegible], in connection with the election of a candidate for Installation to ~~the~~ the Sri Jagadguru Pitah of Sutthoormur. In this connection I most humbly beg to request you to be so good as to make speedy ~~dy~~arrangements for the election, to enable the devotees of the Sri Mutt to celebrate the Installation ceremony before the end of the month of ~~Feb~~ June. Other elections may be held in the following months (mainly October and November).

Hoping for favour of early orders,

For which act of kindness I shall ever pray the Almighty to grant you long life and prosperity.

Aldur.
Dated 1st. March '23.

I beg to remain

Your most humble servant,
(Sd) Patel Rama Gowda,
Aldur. President of the Sabha
Representative Assembly -
And ~~Legislative Council~~ Member.

To

The Huzrai Commissioner in Mysore,

Bangalore.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಗದ್ಗುರು ರೇಣುಕಾ ಚಾರ್ಯೇಭ್ಯೋ ನಮಃ

ಶ್ರೀರಂಭಾಪುರಿಪೀಠದಲುತ್ತರಾಧಿಕಾರಾಲೋಚನೆನಸಭಾ.

ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರುತ್ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ತೋರೆಣಮೊವಿನ ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರಭದ್ರದೇವರೆದೇವಸ್ಥಾನ

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ಈದಿನವಸಭೆಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷತೆಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರಜಾಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಸಭಿಕರೂ ಪಟೇಲರೂ ಆದ ಮೆ|| ರಾಮಪ್ಪಗೌಡರವರು ವಹಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಮೆ|| ಕಾಫಿಪ್ಲಾಂಟರ್ ಬಿ. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ ಶೆಟ್ಟರವರುಸೂಚಿಸಲಾಗಿ ಮೆ| ಕೆಳಗೂರುಪಟೇಲರು ಕಾಫಿಪ್ಲಾಂಟರು ವೀರಪ್ಪಗೌಡರವರು ಪುಷ್ಟೀಕರಿಸಿದನಂತರ ಸರ್ವಾನುಮತದಿಂದ ಮೆ|| ರಾಮಪ್ಪಗೌಡರವರ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಭೆಗೆಪ್ರಾರಂಭವಾಗಿ ಈಕೆಳಗಕಂಡವಿಷಯಗಳು ಚರ್ಚಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು ತೀರ್ಮಾನಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟವು;—

I. ಓಟಿಂಗ್ ವಿಧಾನದ ನಿಷೇಧ.

ವಟು ಜುನಾವಣೆಯು ಓಟಿಂಗ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಿಂದ ನಡೆಯುವುದು ಈಪೀಠದಗೌರವಗಳಿಗೂ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಉಕ್ತಿವನಾಲ್ಕು ಸಿಂಹಾಸನಾಧಿಪತಿಗಳ ನ್ಯಾಯವಾದಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯಕ್ಕೂ ಪ್ರತಿಕೂಲವಾಗಿಧೆಯಲ್ಲದೆ ಅನಾದಿಕಾಲದಿಂ ದಲೂಈಭರತಖಂಡದ ಯೊವನುತಾಚಾರ್ಯಪೀಠಗಳಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಮತ್ತು ಕ್ರೈಸ್ತಮತದ ಯೂರಪಿಯಂಗತಗಳಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಸಹ ಇಲ್ಲದಪದ್ಧತಿಯನ್ನುಆಚರಣೆಗೆತರುವುದುಕೇವಲಲಾಂಛನಾಸ್ಪದವಾಗಿಧೆ ಮತ್ತು ಎದುರು ಪಕ್ಷದವರು ರೈಲ್ವೆ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಓಟು ಇವುಗಳನೆಪವನ್ನುಕಲ್ಪಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ವ್ಯವಹರಿಸುತ್ತಲಿರುವುದು ನಿರಾಧಾರವಾದುದು ಮತ್ತು ಪರಪ್ರೇರಿತವಾದುದು ಅನೇಕಜುಸರಂಗಡಗಳಿರುವ ಈಮತೀಯರಲ್ಲಿ ಅನೇಕರು ಇಂತಹ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮ ತಮ್ಮ ಹಪ್ಪನ್ನುವಿೂರದಿರುವುದು ಅಕ್ಷಮ್ಯವಾಗಿದೆ ಅಲ್ಲದೆಈನೂರ್ಗವು ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರಾನುಸಾರವಾದುದಲ್ಲ ಆದಸ್ಯಯುಕ್ತ ತರೀಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಓಟಿನಿಂದ ಜುನಾವಣೆಯು ನಡೆಯುವಂತೆನೂಡಿರುವ ಅಪ್ಪಣೆಯನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಪುನರ್ವಿಮರ್ಶೆಗೊಳಿಸಿ ಈಕಂದೆಪಲವುಸಾರಿಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆತಂದಿರುವಂತೆ ಪ್ರಾಚೀನಪದ್ಧತಿಯನ್ನು ಅನುಸರಿಸಿಕಾರ್ಯವುನೆಪೆಯಲು ಅಪ್ಪಣೆಯನ್ನುದಯಪಾಲಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಈಸಭೆಯವರು ಶ್ರೀಮನ್ಮಹಾರಾಜಸಾಹೇಬ್ ಬಹದ್ದೂರ್ ಯುವರನ್ನೂ ಅವರಸರ್ಕಾರದವನ್ನೂ ಸಹ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ.

II ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳ ವಿಚಾರಿ

ಕಳದಅಕ್ಟೋಬರು ಮತ್ತು ಡಿಸೆಂಬರ್ ತಿಂಗಳುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಶ್ರೀಮನ್ಮಹಾರಾಜಾ ಸಾಹೇಬರವರಿಗೂ ಎರಡನೆಯಕಾನ್ಸಿಲರ್‌ಸಾಹೇಬರವರಿಗೂ ಶೃತಗೊಳಿಸಿರುವ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇದುವರೆಗೆ ಯಾವವಿಧವಾದನ್ಯಾಯವೂ ದೊರೆಯಲಿಲ್ಲವಾದುದರಿಂದ ಘನಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಅವುಗಳಲ್ಲಿರುವ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಂಶಗಳನ್ನು ಸಕಾರಣವಾಗಿ ಗ್ರಹಿಸಿ ನ್ಯಾಯವಾದ ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ಮೂಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರನ್ನು ಪುತ್ತೊಮ್ಮೆ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿ ಸರ್ವಾನುಮತದಿಂದ ತೀರ್ಮಾನಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿತು.

III ಜುನಾವಣೆಯ ಸುಸಾಧ್ಯವೆಂಗರ್ಗಗಳು

ವೀರಶೈವಪ್ರಮುಖರುಗಳು ನಾಲ್ಕುಮಂದಿಗಳು ಪೀಠಾಧೀಶ್ವರರಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಗಳುನಾಲ್ಕುಮಂದಿಗಳು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಮೆ|| ಮುಜರಾಯಿಕಮಿಶನರವರೂ ಅರಮನೆಯ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಗಳಾಗಿ ಮೆ|| ಮುಜರಾಯಿ ಭಕ್ಷಿಯವರೂ ಸಹ ಸೇರಿದಬಂದುಸಂಘವು ನೇಮಕವಾಗಿ ಆಸಂಘದವರು ಅರ್ಹರಾದ ವಟುಗಳನ್ನು ಬರಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ವಿದ್ವತ್ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯ ಮೂಲಕ ವಿದ್ವತ್ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯನ್ನು ನಡೆಯಿಸಿ ವಿದ್ಯೆ, ಕುಲ, ಶೀಲಾದಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅತ್ಯುತ್ತಮರಾದವರನ್ನು ಆರಿಸಿಗಟ್ಟಿಗಟ್ಟುವಂತಾದರೆ ಕಾರ್ಯವುಸುಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗುವುದರಿಂದ ಈಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಹೆಚ್ಚಾದಗಮನವನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟುಆರಿಸಿ ಅಪ್ಪಣೆಮೂಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಈಸಭೆಯವರು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರನ್ನು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಸರ್ವಾನುಮತದಿಂದ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ

IV ಉತ್ತರಾಧಿಕಾರವು ಶೀಘ್ರವಾಗಿ ನಡೆಯಬೇಕು

ಈಪೀಠವುಅಧಿಕಾರಿಶೂನ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಮೂರುವರ್ಷಗಳಾದವು ಇದರಿಂದ ನಮ್ಮಧರ್ಮರಕ್ಷಣೆಗೆ ವಿಶೇಷಬಾಧೆಯುಂಟುಗಿದೆ ಬರುವಕ್ರೋಧನನಾಮಸಂ||ರದ ಜ್ಯೈತ್ರ ವೈಶಾಖ ಮಾಸಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಶುದ್ಧಿಯಿಲ್ಲ ಪ್ರಯುಕ್ತ ಈ ಸಂ||ರದ ಫಾಲ್ಗುಣಮಾಸದಲ್ಲಿಯಾದರೂ ಪುಷ್ಯಾಭಿಷೇಕವು ನಡೆಯುವಂತೆ ಯೇರ್ಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಘನಸರ್ಕಾರವೈದಿದ ಶ್ರೀಮನ್ಮಹಾರಾಜರವರನ್ನೂ ಈಸಭೆಯವರು ದೀನೋಕ್ತಿಗಳಿಂದ ಬೇಡುತ್ತಾರೆ.

V ಸ್ಟಾರ್‌ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯ ಬರವಣಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ನಿಷೇಧ

ಈ ಸ್ಟಾರ್‌ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲವರು ನ್ಯಾಯವನ್ನೂ ಸತ್ಯವನ್ನೂ ವಿೂರಿ ಜನಸನುದಾಯದ ಮನೋವೈಕಲ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶವನ್ನುಂಟುಮಾಡುವನಿರಾಧಾರವಾದ ಬರವಣಿಗೆಗಳನ್ನು ಬರೆಯುತ್ತಿರುವುದೂ ಆಪತ್ರಿಕಾಕರ್ತರು ತಮ್ಮನಿಯಮವನ್ನು ಲಕ್ಷಿಸದೆಅಂತಹ ಬರವಣಿಗೆಗಳಿಗೆ ನಿರಾತಂಕವಾದ ಅವಕಾಶವನ್ನು ಕೊಡುತ್ತಲಿರುವುದೂ

Proceedings of the Government of H. H.
the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read..

Correspondence ending with letter No. C.1062 dated 9-3-1925 from the Muz. Commr. on the subject of the ~~appointment~~ selection of a Guru to the vacant Peeta of the Balehonnur Mutt in the Kadur District.

No 182 [illegible]

Order No. No 30-1-22 dated

The Swamigalu of the ~~Balehonnur~~ Lingaye Mutt in the Kadur District which is one of the most important Mutts of the Lingayet community in India ~~having died on 30-1-22 it was first~~ reported to Govt. by the Agent of the Mutt. On 31-1-22 In the month of May 1922 several petitions and telegrams were received from the disciples of the Mutt living in different parts of India protesting against an attempt which certain interested persons were ~~said~~ alleged to be making to instal a particular individual as the Head of the Mutt. These and similar others to the same effect received subsequently by Govt. were ~~all~~ forwarded to the Muz. Commr. for necessary action and for the early submission of ~~proposals~~ a report regarding the appointment of a competent successor to the Mutt. ~~under standing orders.~~ The Muz. Commr. reported on ~~the~~ 30-6-23 that owing to differences of opinion in the community, there was no prospect of a Guru being elected or of even a meeting of the members of the community being

being held for the purpose, and that arrangements had however been made for safeguarding the Mutt properties at Balehonnur pending the nomination of a Guru. The situation continued thus till February 1924 when a petition was received by Govt. from Messrs. Chandregowda and Nanjedevaru stating that some persons were arranging to hold a meeting on 7-3-24 without due publicity, for the election of a Guru. Thereupon the organisers of the meeting were informed through the Muz. Commr. of the objections received and were warned of the risk they ran in holding the election without due publicity. The Muz. Commr. held a detailed enquiry into the matter in the presence of the contending parties and reported that as the result of his advice, they had effected a compromise, and had executed a Mutchalika, the terms of which were that a Committee of 12 persons selected equally from both the contending parties with Dewan Bahadur (now Sir) K.P. Puttanna Chetty as Chairman should be formed to select competent Vatus (candidates) in equal numbers from each party and to get them examined by learned Pandits, and that out of those who were found most eligible a final selection should be made on 28-5-1924 by drawing lots by the Chairman at the Mutt shrine at Balehonnur. Govt. whilst expressing their satisfaction at the compromise arrived at by the parties concerned deemed it desirable that they should maintain a neutral attitude in the Mutts and should not identify themselves with either party by expressing their formal approval

approval or otherwise of the arrangement. The D.C. was therefore requested, to watch the proceedings of the proposed Committee and see that the meetings were conducted properly and satisfactorily without himself taking any active part in them. This arrangement however proved abortive, as Mr. Chandregowda's party wanted to back out of it. A very large number of telegrams protesting against the arrangement having also been received by the Govt. and the Muz. Commr,. Mr. Puttanna Chetty did not wish to take further action in accordance with the terms of the compromise. A deputation of the leading men of both the parties waited upon the Members of Council on 26-5-1924 (Muz. Commr. being also present on the occasion) when the measures to be adopted to elect a Guru if the differences between the parties could not be made up was discussed. The Members advised both the parties to come to a compromise and come to a definite settlement on this important question. The members of the deputation understood to make a further attempt to come to a settlement among themselves and wanted one or two days' time for the purpose which was allowed. As a result, they submitted to Govt. as also to the Muz. Commr. a copy of the proceedings of a meeting held on 29-5-1924 presided over by Dewan Bahadur K.P. Puttanna Chetty at which it was decided that a Committee of 24 members i.e. 12 from each party (8 of whom were to be from the State and 4 from outside) under the presidency of Mr. Puttanna Chetty be formed for electing by ballot one of the two candidates nominated

by the leaders of both parties the election being held at Bangalore ~~of an early date~~, and that after obtaining the approval of the Govt. to the election, the installation ceremony of the elected candidate be conducted by the Swami of the Ujjaini Mutt on 15-6-24 at Balehonnur. The Muz. Commr. was ~~asked~~ requested to inform the petitioners that Govt. had no objection to the election of a Guru to the Mutt being made in the manner mentioned above, but that they reserved to themselves freedom in the matter of the approval of the candidate elected, in the event of any valid objection ~~having been~~ being received or of any strong discontent ~~having been~~ being found to exist in the community against the candidate.

The compromise arrived at by the parties for the election of a successor to the Mutt did not however ~~materialise~~ eventuate again owing to further disputes and dissensions among themselves, ~~nor was there any chance of both parties coming to a common understanding about the election of a successor to the Mutt.~~ There was also reason to think that one of the parties was not earnest at all about the appointment of the successor, but wished to have the vacancy kept unfilled indefinitely. In these circumstances, ~~it was considered~~ and in view of the fact that unless the Govt. interfered and adopted a decisive course of action, this important Mutt would be left without a Head indefinitely. ~~It~~ was accordingly ordered by Govt. on 19.5.24, that a general meeting of the disciples be held early for the election of a Guru, presided over by either Dewan Bahadur M.K.P. Puttanna Chetty if he was willing to accept the Presidentship

Presidentship or ~~of~~ by any other Member of the community acceptable to both the parties, or failing either by ~~the~~ officer of Govt, the place of the meeting being fixed at Chickamagalore, the Head Quarters of the District Balehonnur, ~~though the proper place~~ not convenient for the purpose ~~as it is~~ being situated far away from a Railway Station and ~~as~~ no accommodation ~~cannot be found there~~ being available for the large number of disciples who ~~may~~ will attend the meeting. ~~This was on 19-8-1924.~~ Subsequently a number of petitions, memorials and telegrams were received from members of the Lingayet community ~~both in and outside the State~~, urging that the meeting ~~might~~ not be held ~~either at Balehonnur or~~ at ~~any other~~ place having railway connection instead of at Chickmagalore, ~~not so connected.~~ This request was also acceded to and the place of meeting was fixed at Tarikere. The meeting was however not held at the place as proposed by him, but ~~Even~~ against this, a number of petitions and proceedings of conferences of Veerasaivas held at places in and outside the State have been received ~~direct at the Secretariat~~, ~~through~~ the Muz. Commr. and the Private Secretary to H.H. protesting against the ~~system of~~ election of the Guru at a general meeting of the disciples of the Mutt and urging that a Vatu for the Gurushipp may be selected either by the Swamis of the four other Panchachar Matas Viz: Benares, Ujjaini, Srisaila and Kedar or by a small committee consisting of the representatives of the four Mutts named above, the Muz. Comr and the Palace Muz. Bakshi, who may examine the

the parentage, learning and competency ~~for the Gurushtp~~ of ~~a few~~ the candidates before making a final selection. The several petitions and representations so far received in the matter go to show that the Veerasaiva community has ~~split~~ divided itself into two rival and irreconcilable factions over this question, and that the adoption of the course suggested by either party ~~tends to leave in the minds of the other party bitter memories of its failure which would only widen the cleavage.~~ would be resented by the other.

The Mutt has been without a ~~Swamy~~ Guru for ~~the past~~ nearly 3 years. ~~and for~~ reasons ~~stated~~ above there is no likelihood of one being elected with the unanimous consent and approval of the members of the Veerasaiva community ~~and~~ Govt. consider that it is not desirable that the present state of things should continue any longer, and that ~~they~~ it ~~should themselves~~ is necessary for them to take the initiative in the matter. ~~and~~ They are accordingly pleased to cancel the order directing the ~~closing~~ holding of a general meeting of the members of the Veerasaiva community at Tarikere and to appoint a ~~community~~ Committee consisting of ~~(1) the~~ the following members:- (1) The Muz. Comnr. ~~as~~ (Chairman) // (2) Dewan Bahadur Puttanna Chetty // (3) Dewan Bahadur Shantaveerappa, retired Deputy Collector, Dharwar // (4) Mr. T. Malleshappa, M.L.C. Bellary // (5) Mr. H. Lingaraj Urs, Palace Muz. Bakshi // (6) Mr. Gurushanta Sastry, Palace Pandit, // (7) ~~One of the Brahman Pandits~~ Mr. Chandrasekhara Sastry of the Palace, ~~and~~ // (8) Mr. Santappa Setty and (9) Mr. Chandregowda, ~~as Members~~. The Committee will examine the candidates as regards educational ~~and~~ other qualifications

for the Selection Committee. I have nominated the Hon'ble Ministers for the Muz. Department, and Education Minister.

* The name suggested (as Chairman) for the Muz. Department, and Education Minister.

Mr. S & G are for orders as they are the leaders of the Contesting parties.

I think a Copy of this
Order might be sent to the
Comptroller also, as the
question of the T/A to the
Palace Khalachi and
the Palace Widow may
up for consideration.
Memo at Foot
in regard.

18/6/25

~~qualifications, percentage &c~~. and report to Govt. the name of the person whom they consider as most suited for the ~~Gurus~~hip. The Muz. Commr. ~~is requested to~~ will convene the necessary meetings of the Committee as Chairman as early as possible and ~~send up~~ submit the proposals of the Committee not later than the ~~31st May 1925.~~ 30th September 1925.

5.6.25.

Revenue Secretary.

To

The Muz. Commr. in Mysore

The Deputy Commr., Kadur District.

The Members of the Committee.

No. 1832 dt. 18.6.25

Copy to the Huzur Secretary to H.H. the Maharaja.

No. 1833 dt. 18.6.25

Copy to the Comptroller &

Proceedings of the Government of His Excellency
the Governor in Council.

Read.-

Correspondence ending with letter No. S. 1063 dated the 31st March 1925 from the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore on the subject of the selection of a Guru to the Tirumt Peeta of the Kalkeshwar Mutt in the Kadur District.

Order No. 1522-3/1.C.

Dated, Bangalore, the June 1925.

The demise on 30th January 1924 of Swamigalu of the Lingayat Mutt at Malehonnur in the Kadur District which is one of the most important Mutts of the Lingayat community in India reported to Government by the Agent of the Mutt on 31st January 1922. In the month of May 1922 several petitions and telegrams were received from the disciples of the Mutt living in different parts of India protesting against an attempt which certain interested persons were alleged to be making to instal a particular individual as the Head of the Mutt. These and similar other petitions to the same effect received subsequently by Government were forwarded to the Muzrai Commissioner for necessary action, and for the early submission of a report regarding the appointment of a competent successor to the Mutt. The Muzrai Commissioner reported on 30th June 1923 that owing to differences of opinion in the community, there was no prospect of a Guru being elected or of even a meeting of the members of the community being held for the purpose, and that arrangements had, however, been made for safeguarding the Mutt properties at Malehonnur pending the nomination of a Guru. The situation continued thus till February 1924 when a petition was received by Government from Messrs. Chandregowda and Ranjedevaru stating that some persons were arranging to hold a meeting on 7th March 1924, without giving due publicity, for the election of a Guru. Thereupon the organizers of the meeting were informed through

through the Nuzvid Commissioner [illegible] warned of the risk they ran in [illegible] publicity. The Nuzvid Commissioner had [illegible] the matter in the presence of the [illegible] that as the result of his advice, they had elected a Committee and had executed a Kutchalika, the terms of which were [illegible] committee of 12 persons selected equally from both [illegible] with Dewan Bahadur Sir [illegible]. Puttanna Chetty as Chairman should be formed to select competent Yatun (candidates) in equal numbers from each party and to get them examined by learned Pandits, and [illegible] of those who were found most eligible a final selection should be made on 28th May 1924 by drawing lots by the Chairman at the [illegible] shrine at Palenonnur. Government, while expressing their satisfaction at the compromise arrived at by the parties concerned requested the Deputy Commissioner to watch the proceedings of the proposed Committee and to see that the meeting was conducted properly and satisfactorily without himself taking any active part in it. This arrangement was however not carried out, as Mr. Thumireswara's party backed out of it. A very large number of telegrams protesting against this arrangement having also been received by the Government and the Nuzvid Commissioner Dewan Bahadur Sir K.P. Puttanna Chetty did not wish to take further action in accordance with the terms of the compromise. A deputation of the leading men of both the parties then waited upon the Member of Council on 26th May 1924 (Nuzvid Commissioner being also present on the occasion) when the measures to be adopted to elect a Guru if the differences between the parties could not be made up was discussed. The Member of Council advised both the parties to come to a compromise and arrived at a definite settlement on this important question. The members of the deputation undertook to make a further attempt to come to a settlement among themselves and wanted one or two days' time which was allowed. As a result, they submitted to Government as also to the Nuzvid Commissioner a copy of the proceedings of a Meeting held on 28th May 1924 presided over by Dewan Bahadur Sir K.P. Puttanna Chetty at which it was decided that a Committee of 24 members i.e. 12 from each party (8 of whom were to be

from

from the State and 4 from outside) under the presidency of Dewan Bahadur Sir K.P. Puttanna Chetty to proceed for electing by a vote one of the two candidates nominated by the leaders of each parties, the election being held at Bangalore and that after obtaining the approval of the Government to the election, the installation ceremony of the elected candidate be conducted by the Swami of the Uddami Mutt on 15th June 1924 at Balehonnur. The Huzur Commissioner was requested to inform the petitioners that Government had no objection to the election of a Guru to the Mutt being made in the manner mentioned above, but that they reserved to themselves freedom in the matter of the approval of the candidate elected, in the event of any valid objection being received or of any strong dissentient found to exist in the community against the candidate.

The compromise arrived at by the parties for the election of a successor to the Mutt did not however materialise owing to further disputes and dissensions among themselves. In these circumstances and in view of the fact that unless the Government interfered and adopted a decisive line of action, this important Mutt would be left without a Head for an indefinite period, it was ordered by Government on 19th August 1924 that a general meeting of the disciples be held early for the election of a Guru presided over by either Dewan Bahadur Sir K.P. Puttanna Chetty if he was willing to accept the Presidentship or by any other Member of the community acceptable to both the parties or failing either by an officer of Government the place of the meeting being fixed at Chickmagalur, the Head Quarters of the District as Balehonnur was not convenient for the purpose being situated far away from a Railway Station and no accommodation being available there for the large number of disciples who would attend the meeting. Subsequently a number of petitions, memorials and telegrams were received from members of the Lingayet community, urging that the meeting should be held at some place having Railway connection instead of at Chickmagalur. This request was also acceded to and the place of meeting was fixed at Tarikere. The meeting was, however, not held at this place as proposed by Government, but a number of petitions and proceedings of conferences of Veerasaivas held at places in and outside the State have been

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Secretary to [illegible]

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The Mutt has been without a Guru for [illegible] Govern-
ment consider that it is not desirable [illegible] things should continue any longer, and that it [illegible] to take the initiative in the matter. They are [illegible] to cancel the order directing the holding of a general meeting of the members of the Veerasaiva community at Tarikere and to appoint a Committee consisting of the following Members for the selection of Vatu to be nominated to the Headship of the Mutt:-

(1) The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore (Chairman)
(2) Dewan Bahadur L.K.N. Puttanna Chetty, [illegible].
(3) Dewan Bahadur Chanbaveerappa, retired Deputy Collector, Dharwar.
(4) Mr. T. Malleshayya, Member Legislative Council, Bellary
(5) " H.Linguraja Urs, Palace Bakshi, Mysore.
(6) " Chandrashekhara Sastry of Nanjanpore.
(7) " Gurushanta Sastry, Talkad Pandit, Mysore.
(8) " Santappa Setty, Narasimharajpur Taluk.
(9) " Chandregowda, Chikmagalur Taluk.

The Committee will examine the candidates as regards their parentage and educational and other qualifications and report to Government the name of the person whom they consider as most suited for succession to the Mutt. The Muzrai Commissioner as Chairman will convene the necessary meetings of the Committee as early as possible and submit the proposals of the Committee not later than the 30th September 1925

Telegraph

Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

To The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District.
The Members of the Committee.

Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G O No 1822-31—Muz 526-21-48, dated 17th June 1925

Lingayet Matt at Balehonnur in the Kadur District

Appoints a Committee with the Muzrai Commissioner as Chairman for the selection of a Vatu for the vacant Peeta of the –

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Correspondence ending with letter No C 1062, dated the 9th March 1925 from the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore, on the subject of the selection of a Guru to the vacant Peeta of the Balehonnur Matt in the Kadur District

ORDER NO. 1822-31—MUZ. 526-21-48, DATED 17TH JUNE 1925.

The demise on 30th January 1922 of the Swamigalu of the Lingayet Matt at Balehonnur in the Kadur District which is one of the most important Matts of the Lingayet community in India was reported to Government by the Agent of the Matt on 31st January 1922. In the month of May 1922, several petitions and telegrams were received from the disciples of the Matt living in different parts of India protesting against an attempt which certain interested persons were alleged to be making to instal a particular individual as the Head of the Matt. These and similar other petitions to the same effect received subsequently by Government were forwarded to the Muzrai Commissioner for necessary action, and for the early submission of a report regarding the appointment of a competent successor to the Matt The Muzrai Commissioner reported on 30th June 1923 that owing to differences of opinion in the community, there was no prospect of a Guru being elected or of even a meeting of the members of the community being held for the purpose, and that arrangements had, however, been made for safeguarding the Matt properties at Balehonnur pending the nomination of a Guru. The situation continued thus till February 1924 when a petition was received by Government from Messrs Chandregowda and Nanjelevu stating that some persons were arranging to hold a meeting on 7th March 1924, without giving due publicity, for the election of a Guru Thereupon the organizers of the meeting were informed through the Muzrai Commissioner of the objections received and were warned of the risk they ran in holding the election without due publicity. The Muzrai Commissioner held a detailed enquiry into the matter in the presence of the contending parties and reported that as the result of his advice, they had effected a compromise and had executed a mutchalika, the terms of which were that a committee of twelve persons selected equally from both the contending parties with Diwan Bahadur Mr. (now Sir) K. P. Puttanna Chetty as Chairman should be formed to select competent Vatus (candidates) in equal numbers from each party and to get them examined by learned pandits, and that out of those who were found most eligible a final selection should be made on 28th May 1924 by drawing lots by the Chairman at the Matt shrine at Balehonnur. Government, while expressing their satisfaction at the compromise arrived at by the parties concerned, requested the Deputy Commissioner to watch the proceedings of the proposed committee and to see that the meeting was conducted properly and satisfactorily without himself taking

any active part in it. This arrangement was however not carried out, as Mr. Chandregowda's party backed out of it. A very large number of telegrams protesting against this arrangement having also been received by the Government and the Muzrai Commissioner, Diwan Bahadur Sir K. P. Puttanna Chetty did not wish to take further action in accordance with the terms of the compromise. A deputation of the leading men of both the parties then waited upon the Member of Council on 26th May 1924 (the Muzrai Commissioner being also present on the occasion), when the measures to be adopted to elect a Guru, if the difference between the parties could not be made up, was discussed. The Member of Council advised both the parties to come to a compromise and arrive at a definite settlement on this important question. The members of the deputation undertook to make a further attempt to come to a settlement among themselves and wanted one or two days' time which was allowed. As a result, they submitted to Government as also to the Muzrai Commissioner a copy of the proceedings of the meeting held on 28th May 1924 presided over by Diwan Bahadur Sir K. P. Puttanna Chetty at which it was decided that a Committee of 24 members *i.e.*, 12 from each party (8 of whom were to be from the State and 4 from outside) under the presidency of Diwan Bahadur Sir K. P. Puttanna Chetty be formed for electing by ballot one of the two candidates nominated by the leaders of both parties, the election being held at Bangalore and that after obtaining the approval of the Government to the election, the installation ceremony of the elected candidate be conducted by the Swami of the Ujjaini Mutt on 15th June 1924 at Balehonnur. The Muzrai Commissioner was requested to inform the petitioners that Government had no objection to the election of a Guru to the Matt being made in the manner mentioned above, but that they reserved to themselves freedom in the matter of the approval of the candidate elected, in the event of any valid objection being received or of any strong discontent found to exist in the community against the candidate.

The compromise arrived at by the parties for the election of a successor to the Matt did not however materialise owing to further disputes and dissensions among themselves. In these circumstances and in view of the fact that unless the Government interfered and adopted a decisive line of action, this important Matt would be left without a Head for an indefinite period, it was ordered by Government on 19th August 1924 that a general meeting of the disciples be held early for the election of a Guru presided over by either Diwan Bahadur Sir K. P. Puttanna Chetty if he was willing to accept the Presidentship or by any other member of the community acceptable to both the parties or failing either by an Officer of Government, the place of the meeting being fixed at Chikmagalur the Headquarters of the District as Balehonnur was not convenient for the purpose being situated far away from a Railway Station and no accommodation being available there for the large number of disciples who would attend the meeting. Subsequently a number of petitions, memorials and telegrams were received from members of the Lingayet community, urging that the meeting should be held at some place having Railway connection instead of at Chikmagalur. This request was also acceded to and the place of meeting was fixed at Tarikere. The meeting was, however, not held at this place as proposed by Government, but a number of petitions and proceedings of conferences of Veerasaivas held at places in and outside the State have been received by Government, the Muzrai Commissioner and the Private Secretary to His Highness protesting against the election of the Guru at a general meeting of the disciples of the Matt and urging that a Vatu for the Guruship may be selected either by the Swamis of the four other Panchachar Matas, *viz.*, Ujjaini, Benares, Srisaila and Kedar or by a small Committee consisting of the representatives of the four Matts named above, the Muzrai Commissioner and the Palace Muzrai Bakshi, who may examine the parentage, learning and competency of the candidates before making a final selection. The several petitions and representations so far received in the matter go to show that the Veerasaiva community has divided itself into two rival and irreconcilable factions over this question, and that the adoption of the course suggested by either party would be resented by the other.

The Matt has been without a Guru for nearly three years. Government consider that it is not desirable that the present state of things should continue any longer, and that it is necessary for them to take the initiative in the matter. They are accordingly pleased to cancel the order directing the holding of a general meeting of the

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members of the Veerasaiva community at Tarikere and to appoint a Committee consisting of the following Members for the selection of a Yati to be nominated to the Headship of the Matt:—

(1) The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore (Chairman)
(2) Diwan Bahadur Sri K P Puttanna Chetty
(3) Diwan Bahadur Shantaveerappa, Retired Deputy Collector, Dh
(4) Mr. T. Malleshappa, Member, Legislative Council Bellary
(5) ,, H Lingaraja Urs, Palace Bakshi Mysore
(6) ,, Chandrasekhara Sastry of Davangere
(7) ,, Gurushanta Sastry, Palace Pandit, Mysore
(8) ,, Shantappa Setty, Narasimharajapura.
(9) ,, Chandregowda, Chikmagalur

The Committee will examine the candidates as regards their parentage and educational and other qualifications and report to Government the name of the person whom they consider as most suited for succession to the Matt. The Muzrai Commissioner as Chairman will convene the necessary meetings of the Committee as early as possible and submit the proposals of the Committee not later than the 30th September 1925.

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To—The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District.
The Members of the Committee.

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